

Fatigue Management Accreditation

The aim of Fatigue Management Accreditation is to achieve improvements in road safety and transport productivity. The Fatigue Management Module is primarily about road safety, but it also provides added flexibility for operators who implement auditable accredited systems to manage driver fatigue. Fatigue management encourages heavy vehicle operators to take more responsibility for the safety and well-being of drivers and other road users.

Benefits to the community include better and more consistent compliance with road safety standards.

If you are an accredited operator you must know what your drivers schedules, trips and rosters are to ensure that they do not exceed the approved work and rest times.

The important thing is that you write down the method you use, and explain how it works. This will be your Fatigue Management System. To stay accredited you need to have documents that prove your method works and your drivers keep within the specified limits. In part, this means keeping records of schedules, rosters and work diaries. You must also be able to prove that you always follow your written procedures. Performance standards have been developed to ensure that everyone in the scheme has achieved the same standard of compliance.

Accredited operators are audited periodically by independent auditors to ensure they continue to meet the standards required by the scheme. If your audit is successful, you can apply to have your accreditation continue. Alternatively, you may be asked to improve your system in some way before your accreditation is reaccredited.